

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application, as presently amended and in light of the following discussion, is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-4 and 7-25 are currently pending. Claims 1, 11, 20, 22, and 23 have been amended; and Claims 5 and 6 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer by the present amendment. No new matter has been added.

Office Action Summary

Claims 1-5, 9-13, 15-20, 22, 24, and 25 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,966,162 to Goode et al. (hereinafter “Goode”) in view of U.S. Publication No. 2003/0200551 to Kang (hereinafter “Kang”); Claim 6 was objected to as dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if amended into independent form; Claim 23 was objected to over informalities; and Claims 7, 8, 14, 21, and 23 were allowed.

Interview Summary

First, Applicant wishes to thank Examiner Sherman for the courtesy of a telephonic interview extended to Applicant’s representative on August 17, 2010, during which the objection to Claim 23 was discussed. An amendment that would overcome the objection was discussed, and is incorporated into the present amendment. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the objection to Claim 23 be withdrawn.

Allowable Matter

Applicant appreciatively acknowledges the indication of allowable subject matter. Because Claim 6 was indicated as allowable subject matter, all features of Claim 6 are incorporated into independent Claims 1, 11, 20, and 22, with Claim 6 consequently canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claim 5 is also canceled without prejudice or disclaimer.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that Claims 1, 11, 20, and 22 (and all associated dependent claims are allowable), and requests that the rejection of Claims 1-4, 9-13, 15-20, 22, 24, and 25 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) be withdrawn.

Request to Enter Amendment

Lastly, this amendment is submitted in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.116 which after final rejection permits entering of amendments canceling claims, complying with any requirement of form expressly set forth in a previous Office Action, or presenting rejected claims in better form for consideration on appeal. The present amendment amends the claims to include allowable subject matter. This amendment does not raise new issues requiring further consideration and/or search. It is therefore respectfully requested that the present amendment be entered under 37 C.F.R. §1.116.

Conclusion

In view of the above amendments and foregoing remarks, Applicant believes the application is in condition for allowance. Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact George Dolina, Registration No. 63,654 at the telephone number of the undersigned below to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Director is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge any fees required during the pendency of the above-identified application or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448.

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Respectfully submitted,

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